(d) how much investment has been made during the Five Year Plan period to remove backwardness of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) Madhya Pradesh has been identified as an industrially backward State. In order to attract entrepreneurs to set up industries in the industrially backward districts identified by the Central Government, they have been extended Central Subsidy besides other concessions like concessional finance, exemption from Income Tax, prioirity in the grant of industrial licences etc. During the last 5 years, a total amount of Rs. 45.89 crores has been reimbursed to Madhya Pradesh as Central Subsidy. In addition, a total amount of Rs. 2.75 crores has been released as first instalment of Centre's share on development of growth centres in the districts of Bhind, Mandla, Jhabua, Dhar, Panna and Rajgarh.

Production and demand of LPG cylinders

1315. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a long gap between the production and demand of LPG cylinders in the country;

(b) whether Government would like to increase the production of such cylinders in the existing units or to increase the number of such cylinder manufacturing units in the country to narrow the gap between the demand and production of such cylinders to meet its growing demand; and

(c) if so, the details of the decision, if already taken in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The LPG cylinder requirement of the oil indsutry is being adequately met with the capacity already available with the existing cylinder manufacturing units.

Excess Billing by DESU

1316. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU) has over-charged the Small Industrial Power consumers by excess-billing;

(b) if so, what is the approximate amount overcharged by DESU since April, 1987; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to offer relief to the aggrieved consumers and by when the refund will be allowed or adjusted in future bills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Writing off the Electricity Bills of Small Farmers

1317. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have issued any guidelines/instructions to the State Governments to write off the electricity bills against small and marginal farmers who are not in a position to pay them in view of draught situation in the States; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) the amount of financial assistance already given or proposed to be

given to such States (State-wise) to meet the financial burden on this account in general and to Bihar in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNTAH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Do not arise.

Educational Institutions of Nationalised Coal Companies

1318. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any educational institutions are being run by the nationalised coal companies in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the salaries of teachers working in such institutions have not been revised for the last 15 years;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the children and wards of nearby villagers are not admitted to these institutions, if they do not happen to be the employees of the company; and

(e) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIFF): (a) No, Sir. No educational institution is being run, controllied or owned by any coal company The coal companies do, however, provide grant-in-aid to the educational institutions located within geographical spread; but this does not give them any marginal control over these schools.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Breach of Trust by UDI

1319. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the "Current" dated 5th November, 1988 stating that the United Database India Limited has committed criminal breach of trust with the lakhs of telephone subscribers of Bombay;

(b) if so, what is the nature of breach of trust committed; and

(c) whether any action has since been taken by Government in this regard and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Distribution of Bombay Telephone Directory was started on 30.8.1988, on receipt of 80,000 directories from M|s. United Database India Ltd., a subsidiary of United Periodical of India Ltd. The supply by the said Agency was not adecuate to meet the daily off take by the subscribers. The further supplies by the said agency were delayed because of non-availability of sufficient quantity of paper. Another 80,000 copies of the directory have been received from the contractor and more are in the pipeline. The distribution of the same will be started after collectng a stock of about 2,00,000 directories.

The delay in supply of directories by the contractor has been duly noticed and action will be taken in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contractors.